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SUBJECT: SURVEILLANCE OPERATION BY NAVOCFORMED

THERE FOLLOWS BELOW TEXT OF MCM-18-77, APRIL 6, 1977 WHICH
REQUESTS APPROVAL FOR UNSCHEDULED SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS
BY NAVOCFORMED AGAINST SOVIET NAVAL FORCES DURING THE PERIOD
APRIL 20 - MAY 19, 1977. ACTION REQUESTED: IN ANTICIPATION
OF NORMAL PO, REQUEST WASHINGTON APPROVAL BY OOB APRIL 19, 1977.
BEGIN TEXT:

MCM-18-77 6 APRIL 1977
MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL, NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY
ORGANISATION

SUBJECT: UNSCHEDULED SUVEILLANCE OPERATION BY NAVOCFORMED

1. (NS) SACEUR, IN HIS MESSAGE DTG 021532Z, MARCH 1977,
"NAVOCFORMED- SURVEILLANCE OPPORTUNITIES DURING EXERCISE
DETERMINED DEFENDERS - WARNING AND REQUEST MESSAGE", REQUESTS
APPROVAL FOR NAVOCFORMED TO CONDUCT SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS OF
SOVIET NAVAL FORCES DURING ITS 14TH ACTIVATION FROM 20 APRIL
TO 19 MAY 1977. SURVEILLANCE OPPORTUNITIES HAVE BEEN INDICATED
AND MAY ARISE AS FOLLOWS:

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AT ANY TIE DURING THE ACTIVATION AS DICTATED
BY CURRENT INTELLIGENCE, AD HOC SURVEILLANCE OF SOVIET SURFACE
AND SUB-SURFACE TRAINING OPERATIONS/ACTIVITY AS WELL AS SOVIET
HYDROGRAPHIC OPERATIONS IN VICINITY OF NAVOCFORMED ROUTE.

2. (NC) IN THE MESSAGE SACEUR INDICATES THE RULES OF
ENGAGEMENT WHICH WILL APPLY AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL RULES OF CONDUCT.

3.(NC) THE SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS WILL NOT AFFECT
NAVOCFORMED'S NORMAL SCHEDULE.

4. (NS) THE MILITARY COMMITTEE WISHES TO INFORM YOU THAT THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS FROM A MILITARY POINT OF VIEW TO THESE PROPOSED UNSCHEDULED SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS.

5. (NS) THE PROPOSED RULES OF ENGAGEMENT AS WELL AS THE ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED RULES OF CONDUCT ARE SUPPORTED BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE.

6. (NC) IN ADDITION TO NORMAL SURVEILLANCE VALUE, THIS OPPORTUNITY WILL BE A VISUAL DEMONSTRATION TO THE SOVIET OF NATO SOLIDARITY. FURTHERMORE, IT WILL PROVIDE VALUABLE PRACTICE IN CO-ORDINATED SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS AND PROCEDURES. THE BENEFITS ACCRUING TO NAVOCFORMED WILL BE SUBSTANTIAL IN THE CONTEXT OF TRAINING AND MORALE.

7. (NC) A "PASSIVE" PUBLIC RELATIONS POLICY IS RECOMMENDED.

8. (NC) THE LATEST DECISION DATE IS 20 APRIL 1977.

9. (NS) IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE CHAIRMAN, MILITARY COMMITTEE, BE INFORMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND NOT LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, 20 APRIL 1977, WHETHER THERE ARE ANY POLITICAL OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS SO THAT THE MILITARY COMMITTEE MAY INFORM SACEUR ACCORDINGLY.

FOR THE MILITARY COMMITTEE:

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(SIGNED) G. SCHMUCKLE LIEUTENANT GENERAL, GEA DIRECTOR
INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF
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